

# 2019 Toledo Mud Hens Boy Scout Sleepover Handbook



**FOREWARD**

The Toledo Mud Hens would like to say thank you for making your reservation for the 2019 Annual Scout Sleepover. Inside the handbook is some valuable information regarding our scout sleepover events. Whether you are new to our scout sleepover events or a seasoned veteran we ask that you take some time to review the material in the handbook; as some things have changed since last season. We also ask that **you share this information** with other people in your group who will be attending. This will make sure that everyone in your group has the important information, which will make the event more enjoyable for everyone. For more information, please access the online website at [www.mudhens.com/scouts](http://www.mudhens.com/scouts)

For any Boy Scout or Cub Scout questions, please contact Brian Wilson.

Sincerely,

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**DISCLAIMER**

**\*DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Neither the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club, Inc. or Lucas County, Ohio shall be liable for personal injury or property loss or damage suffered by any participant (or his/her natural or legal guardians) arising out of or connected with any participant's participation in Scout Night at Fifth Third Field. By registering and participating in Scout Night, each individual scout or troop leader agrees to be responsible for the conduct and actions of each participant under his/her supervision.

## GAME DATES

<b>Boy Scout/Cub Scout Sleepover</b>	<b>Game Start Time</b>	<b>Arrival Time for Pregame Parade</b>
Saturday, June 8 <sup>th</sup> ( <b>Double-Header</b> )	5:05 PM	4:00 PM
Friday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:05 PM	6:00 PM
Friday, July 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:05 PM	6:00 PM

All Boy Scout & Cub Scout Groups are welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Brian Wilson at 419-725-9292 or [scouts@mudhens.com](mailto:scouts@mudhens.com)

### Cost:

Game tickets:	\$14.00 per person
Optional Scout Experience & Sleepover	\$9.00 per person
• (Includes Sleepover wristband and Patch)	
Optional Morning Breakfast:	\$7.00 per person (must be purchased in advance)
Optional Game Snack Pack (Hot dog, Bag of Chips, Soda):	\$6.00 per person (must be purchased in advance)
Optional Scout Night Pillowcase:	\$6.00 per person (must be purchased in advance)

*All game times are at 7:00 PM (Excluding June 8<sup>th</sup>) and includes pregame parade that starts 1 hour before the game and post-game fireworks.*

### SLEEPOVER RULES

We ask that all scouts, scout leaders, and participants observe the following rules. It will make the event more enjoyable for everyone, and **will keep the cost down for future years.**

#### DO:

- Treat the field with care
- Stay in the outfield at all times
- Carry all equipment on to the field
- Use electric devices for lighting
- Bring snacks for sleepover portion only. No food or drink is allowed to be brought into the game.
- Pack on the lighter side with only the essentials. You will be awake on the field for a few hours at most. This also allows for more people to attend the sleepover.
- Bring a tent that is equal to the size of your group. Please do not bring a 6-person tent for 2 people. This also allows for more people to attend the sleepover.

#### DO NOT:

- NO plastic or tarps between tent and grass. Please only put plastic or tarps on the inside of tent.
- NO rain-guard. Please don't spray rain guard on tents. It washes off and kills the grass.
- STAKE DOWN TENTS; no stakes allowed – confiscated stakes will NOT be returned.
- Go on infield grass at any time.
- Use heating devices
- NO wheeled wagons, coolers, etc. Please carry everything on to the field.
- DO NOT spray BUG SPRAY on the field. Please go to main concourse to apply bug spray; spray will kill the grass.
- Bring anything flammable (lighters, candles, kerosene lanterns) onto the field.
- **NO ALCOHOL – this shouldn't be listed, but it has been a problem. Confiscated alcohol will NOT be returned. The Toledo Mud Hens reserve the right to escort anyone caught with alcohol off the premises without refund. The Boy Scouts of America support non-alcoholic family friendly events.**
- Bring pets of any kind, shape or size.
- Smoke (Fifth Third Field is a non-smoking facility **AT ALL TIMES** due to state regulations).
- THROW any objects, at any time, includes but not limited to baseballs, footballs, frisbees, etc. for safety reasons.
- Bring chairs of any kind as the legs will damage the field.

## **RAIN OUT POLICIES**

In the case of inclement weather please read and understand the information below. Please make sure that all members of your group are aware of this information so there is no confusion before, during, or after the event if inclement weather occurs.

Note that we would never cancel a game before the scheduled start time and possible rain delay. That being said, we recommend that all fans that have game tickets show up on time as usual. There is no “rainout line” to call as we make every effort to get our games played, even if it means a lengthy rain delay.

If the **game is cancelled**, so is the sleepover. If the game is played, the sleepover would only be cancelled if the weather forecast calls for very severe storms overnight or the field cannot take the abuse. Rain checks for the ballgame will only be issued in the event of a “rainout” as defined on the back of your game ticket.

**There will be NO REFUNDS** on game tickets, sleepover wristbands, or coupons purchased. See Rainout Scenarios and Options below.

### **Rainout Scenarios:**

#### **Scenario 1**

Game played but sleepover cancelled – In the event that the game is considered complete after 4 ½ innings but does not finish due to rain and the sleepover is cancelled please note the following.

In this scenario your game ticket has been officially redeemed for an official game and not valid for another game. However, you have sleepover wristbands, snack pack coupons, breakfast coupons, or even T-Shirt coupons not used that must be redeemed for another sleepover dates. It is your responsibility to hold onto any unused sleepover wristbands or coupons and to contact Brian Wilson at 419-725-9292 or [scouts@mudhens.com](mailto:scouts@mudhens.com) the week after your sleepover rainout to reschedule your sleepover wristbands based on the options below.

**Option 1** – Reschedule for one of the remaining sleepover dates on the 2019 game schedule. This option would require you to purchase new game tickets (based upon availability). Game tickets and sleepover are based upon availability.

**Option 2** – Reschedule for a sleepover makeup date to be determined. Any make-up date(s) for the sleepover will be scheduled for toward the end of the season on a non-game date. This date will be communicated to the person on the original scout order.

#### **Scenario 2**

Game and sleepover cancelled – In the event that the game is rained out before it is a complete 5 inning game and the sleepover is cancelled please note the following.

In this scenario your game ticket falls under the Rain Check Policy. You also have sleepover wristbands, snack pack coupons, breakfast coupons, or even T-Shirt coupons not used that must be redeemed for another sleepover dates. It is your responsibility to hold onto any unused sleepover wristbands or coupons and to contact Brian Wilson at 419-725-9292 or email at [scouts@mudhens.com](mailto:scouts@mudhens.com) the week after your sleepover rainout to reschedule your sleepover wristbands based on the options below.

**Option 1** – Reschedule for one of the remaining sleepover dates on the 2019 game schedule. Because your game tickets fall under the Rain Check Policy you may redeem them for new game tickets to one of the remaining sleepover dates at no cost. Game tickets and sleepover are based upon availability.

**Option 2** – Reschedule for a sleepover makeup date to be determined. Any make-up date(s) for the sleepover will be scheduled for toward the end of the season on a non-game date. This date will be communicated to the person on the original scout order. This option takes care of the redemption of your sleepover wristband and coupons but you will still want to redeem your rain checks for another game during the 2019 season, so your rain checks do not go to waste.

#### **Rain Check Policy**

**Game Tickets** – the Mud Hens do not offer refunds on game tickets purchased. Keep your tickets; they can be used as a rain check for any future Mud Hens 2019 regular season home game (based upon availability).

## FAQ'S and Opportunities

### *What essentials do we need to bring?*

The list should include a **spikeless** tent, sleeping bag/pillow, flash light, proper clothes to sleep in, light jacket/sweatshirt for after the game and any necessary toiletries.

### *Is the sleepover available to family members?*

Yes, mothers, fathers, and siblings of scouts are welcome and encouraged to attend the game and spend the night.

### *Will there be adequate supervision?*

YES! Any scout groups that plan on staying overnight are **REQUIRED** to have adequate chaperoning by their scout leader(s). There will be numerous Mud Hens employees on hand to assist during field setup, as well as 4 Mud Hens employees staying overnight. The number of employees will increase as needed depending upon attendance.

### *What is the itinerary for the event?*

**Pregame Activities** - Gates to the ballpark will open 1 hour before the scheduled game time. The scouts will participate in a pre-game parade starting **1 hour before** the scheduled game time located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of the ballpark in the main concourse (lower level) (**Please Meet at the Top of Sections 103 & 104 – A member of our Promotions team will be there to meet you.**)

**POSTGAME FIREWORKS** - Immediately following the completion of the game, postgame fireworks will begin. Immediately following the completion of the fireworks, Scouts and families are encouraged to leave through the home plate gate to collect all their sleepover gear for the night and reenter through the same entrance.

**SCOUTS RUN THE BASES** – The Scouts will run the bases when they re-enter the stadium (Home Plate entrance), after getting their sleepover gear from their cars. The entrance to the field is between section 115 and 116.

**SLEEPOVER** - Once the field is cleared (typically firework debris), and prepared for a **safe** sleepover, the scouts will be allowed to bring their tents and any snacks they may have brought onto the field for the night between sections 103 and 104 and between sections 118 and 119; this will also be announced over the public address system. The Mud Hens will provide entertainment until lights out. Scouts will get their sites ready and lights out will be no more than 15 minutes following the conclusion of the night's entertainment. Lights out will vary based on the length of the baseball game.

**BREAKFAST** - The following morning all campers will clean up their sites. Wake-up call will be at 7 a.m. Camping gear needs to be removed from the field by 8:00 am and **before** proceeding to breakfast. If you are participating in the morning breakfast, it will be served from 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. All scouts should be ready to leave Fifth Third Field by 8:30 a.m.

**MORNING CLEAN UP** - All scouts are **REQUIRED** to assist in field cleanup. By cleaning up after yourselves you will help in keeping the costs down in future years.

### *How do I get my patches?*

Patches are available to those who have purchased the VIP Scout Sleepover Experience and will be enclosed in the package that is mailed to the person who placed the order. If you do not receive patches in the mail, please let us know. Only scouts sleeping over will get patches.

### *Where do the scouts store their camping gear?*

Scouts will need to keep their gear in their chaperone/scout leader's vehicle during the game.

### *Where do I pick up my Scout Night Merchandise that I ordered?*

If you purchased the Scout Night Merchandise Option, you will need to redeem your merchandise coupon at Guest Services near section 110 on the main concourse on the day of your game only. The coupon should be enclosed in the package that is mailed to the person who placed the order (if not call us). Section 110 is located behind Home Plate. Please see the attached map for your reference.

### *How/When/Where should we transport our camping gear onto the field?*

**How?** We must ask that you **NOT** bring wagons or coolers with wheels onto the field. All camping gear transport should be done by **CARRYING items onto the field.**

**When?** After the game/fireworks are over you should return to your vehicle to grab your gear and reenter at the **HOME PLATE GATE**. This will be the only entrance for the sleepover. This gate will lock for the evening approximately 1 hour after the game/fireworks ends. You will not be allowed onto the field until it is **safe.**

**Where?** Sections 103-104 and 118-119 will be the **ONLY entry points** onto the field when bringing in your equipment and tents. Please adhere to the diagram when placing and setting up all tents (See Appendix B). Mud Hens staff members will direct you where you should place your tent. **If you desire to be with a group of people we recommend getting in line together and be as close to the front of the line as possible to provide you the most options.**

***What do we need to get into the sleepover?***

There will be a Scout wristband included in your sleepover packet; you will need to put this on your wrist to enter for the sleepover portion of the night. This wristband will be checked when you enter the ballpark at the HOME PLATE GATE for the sleepover portion of the evening. Only those with sleepover wristbands will be able to sleepover.

***Do we need anything to be allowed to eat our breakfast in the morning?***

There is a breakfast ticket that should be turned in at the beginning of the buffet line for your breakfast, which, if purchased, is included in the sleepover packet mailed to the person who placed the order.

***Where is breakfast served?***

Breakfast will be served near the 1<sup>st</sup> Base entrance gate near section 119 on the main concourse.

***If we have someone in a wheelchair or other special needs, can we get them on the field to spend the night?***

Yes, you can. Please call Brian at 419-725-9292 to make special arrangements well in advance.

***Will there be concession stands open during the sleepover?***

No, there will be no concession stands open for the sleepover. Scout groups are allowed to bring food and beverage into the ballpark for the sleepover portion only. No food or beverage is allowed in the ballpark for the game. An optional Game Snack Pack (Hot Dog, Bag of Chips, Small Soda) is available for purchase in advance for only \$6 **and can be redeemed at the Hen and Hound located on the 1<sup>st</sup> base side and Suds & Wieners located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side.**

***Will there be restrooms open during the sleepover?***

Yes, one set of restrooms on the first and third base side of the main concourse will remain open for the entire night.

***If we need to leave in the middle of the night, can we?***

Once we have everyone on the field all the gates in the ballpark will be locked. However, if you need to leave in the middle of the night for any reason you may do so through the suite level glass doors behind home plate. Please note that **these doors will lock behind** you, so once you are out you cannot re-enter the ballpark.

***Where do we park, and will they tow our car at night?***

The Toledo Mud Hens do not have a parking lot. We use existing parking lots in the downtown area. Most parking companies are aware of our scout sleepovers, so when you pull into a parking lot let the attendant know you are going to be attending the sleepover and your car will remain overnight. Most parking companies do not have a problem because you will be gone by 9:00 am the next morning. For a parking map of Downtown Toledo see Appendix A or go online <http://www.mudhens.com/parking>. The Toledo Mud Hens are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property in the parking lot or Fifth Third Field. If something should occur, it is the sole responsibility of the vehicle's owner to contact the Toledo Police and notify the parking lot company of any theft or damage.

***How do I get to Fifth Third Field?***

The directions are below. In addition, the pocket schedule that is enclosed with the sleepover packet, which is mailed to the person who made the reservation, has directions to Fifth Third Field. You may also view directions online as well.

**DIRECTIONS TO FIFTH THIRD FIELD**

406 Washington Street  
Toledo, OH 43604

**FROM OHIO TURNPIKE (80/90):**

I 80/90 to exit 64 to I-75 North. Follow I-75 North to exit 201-B (downtown exit). Follow Erie St. to Washington St. Turn right onto Washington St.

**FROM DETROIT (I-75 SOUTH):**

I-75 South to exit 202-A (Washington St.). Turn right onto Washington St.

**FROM FINDLAY (I-75 NORTH):**

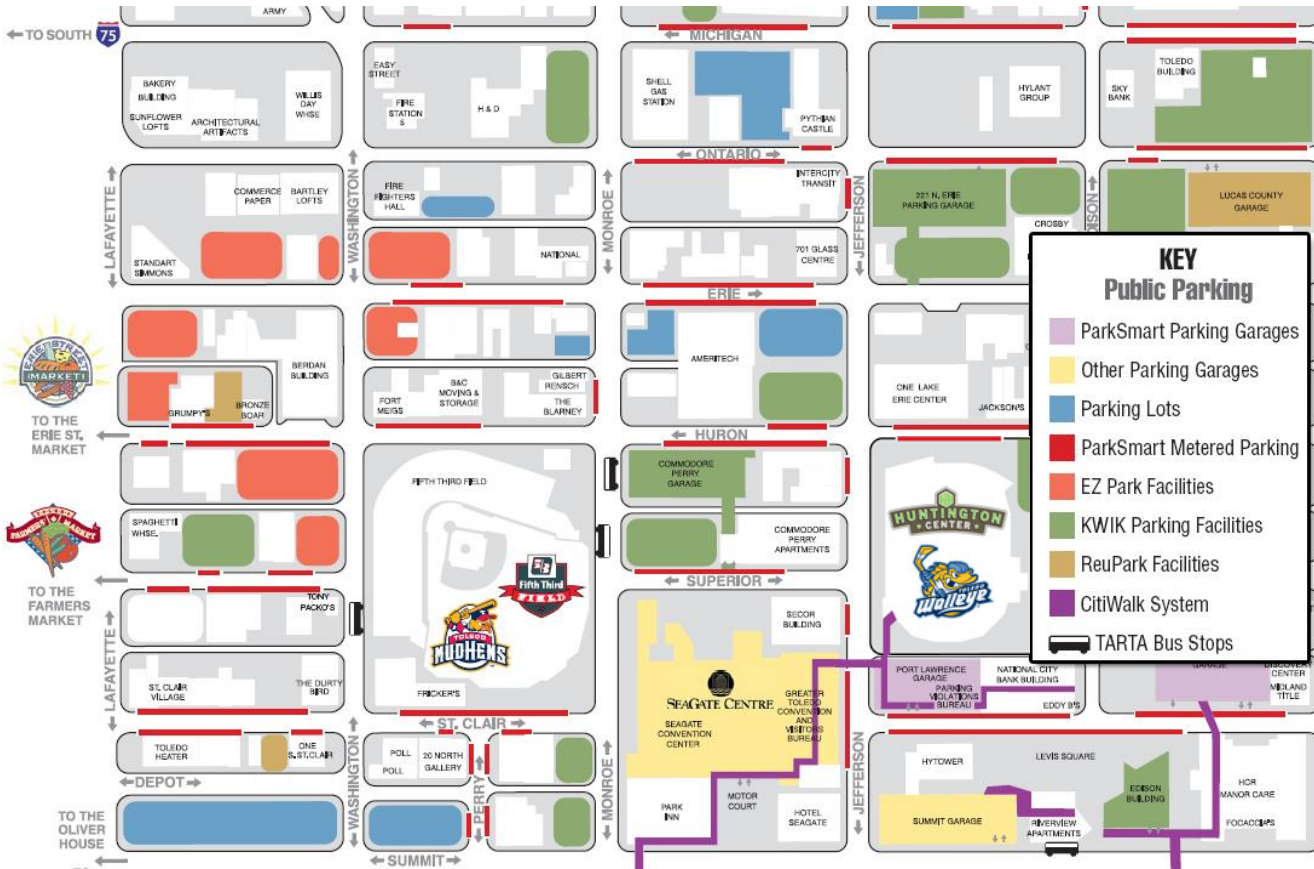
I-75 North to exit 201-B (downtown exit). Follow Erie St. to Washington St. Turn right onto Washington St.

**FROM ANN ARBOR (23 SOUTH):**

23 South to I-475 East. Take I-475 East to I-75 South. Follow I-75 South to exit 202-A (Washington St.). Turn right onto Washington St.

# APPENDIX A

## Parking Map of Downtown Area

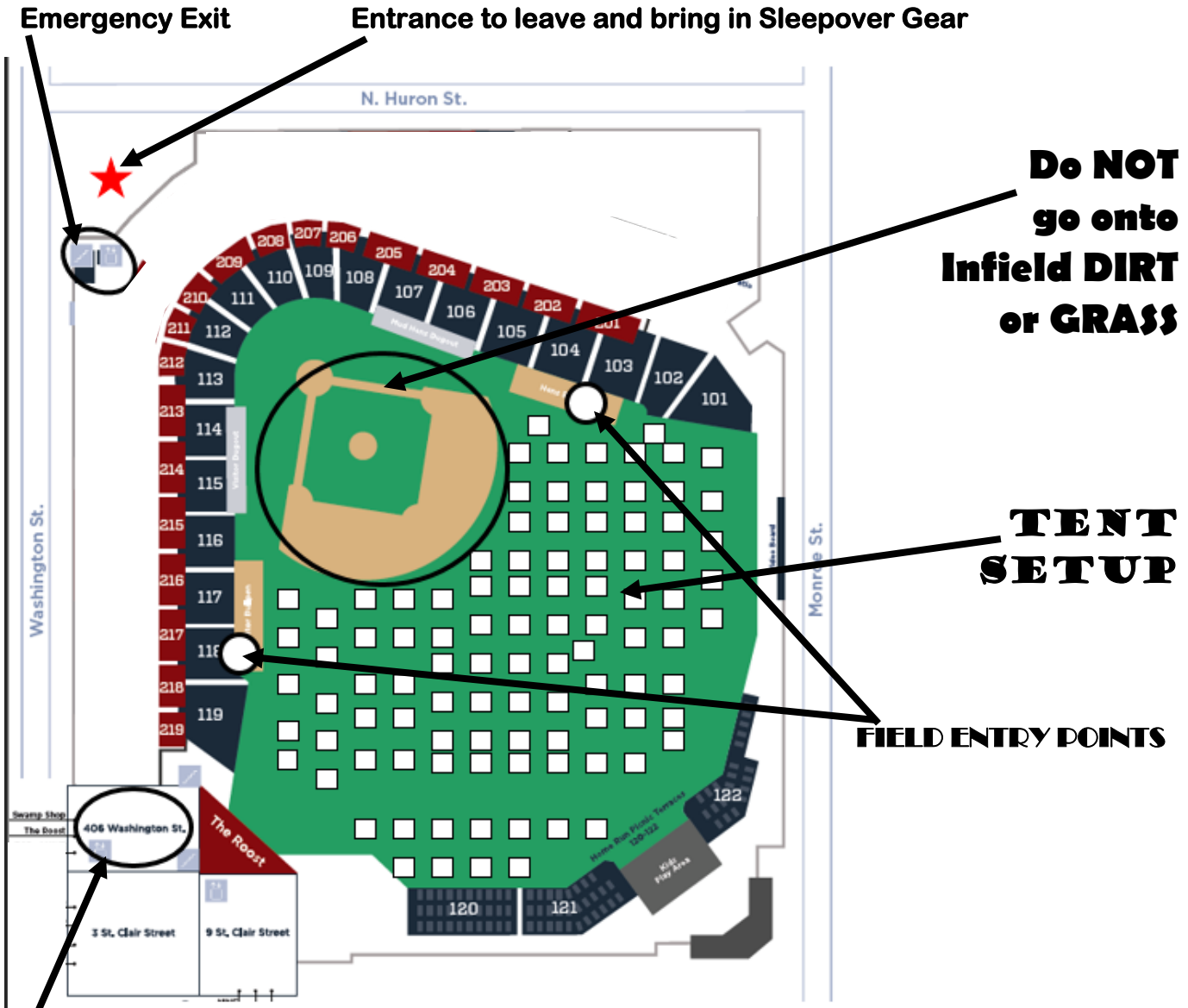


All colored blocks are parking lots. We recommend arriving early to the ballpark in order to park in the lots closer to the Washington St. side of the ballpark. These lots as well as the free street parking on Superior and St. Clair provide the easiest option to grab your gear quickly and reenter the ballpark for the sleepover at the HOME PLATE GATE.



# APPENDIX B

## Fifth Third Field Entry Diagram / Tent Layout



- **Do NOT Spike your tents down**
- **No plastic or tarps between the tent and the grass**
- **Do Not spray bug spray on the field. Please spray it on the main concourse.**
- **Do NOT drag anything on the field**
- **No carts, wagons, wheeled coolers**
- **No heating devices (kerosene or gas)**
- **Do NOT Throw any objects at all**